

REMARKS

Prior to this Reply, Claims 1-10, 14-27, 29, 30, 35, 36 and 50-89 were pending. Through this Reply, Claims 1, 21, 75 and 84 have been amended, while Claims 8, 26, 78 and 86 have been cancelled. Furthermore, Claims 90-94 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 14-25, 27, 29, 30, 35, 36 and 50-77, 79-85 and 87-94 are at issue in the present case.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to Claims 6, 8, 14, 17, 26, 74, 78, 82 and 86 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. However, the Examiner indicated that such claims would be deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include substantially all of the limitations of Claim 8. Applicants have also amended Claim 21 to include the substantially all of the limitations of Claim 26, but not the intervening claims. Furthermore, Applicants have amended Claim 75 to include substantially all of the limitations of Claim 78. Also, Applicants have amended Claim 84 to include substantially all of the limitations of Claim 86. In view of the amendments, Applicants have cancelled Claims 8, 26, 78 and 86.

In addition, Applicants have added new Claims 90-94, which include the limitations of objected-to Claims 14, 17, 6, 74 and 82, respectively.

II. Additional Claim Fees

In determining whether additional claim fees are due, reference is made to the Fee Calculation Table (below).

Fee Calculation Table

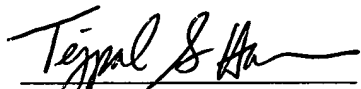
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	69	Minus	72	= 0	x \$50 =	\$ 0.00
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	10	Minus	5	= 5	x \$200 =	\$ 1000.00

As set forth in the Fee Calculation Table (above), Applicants previously paid claim fees for seventy-two (72) total claims and for five (5) independent claims. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the credit card identified on the enclosed Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$1000.00 for the presentation of five (5) independent claim in excess of five (5). Although Applicants believe that no other fees are due, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

III. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number regarding any matters relating to the present application.

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